



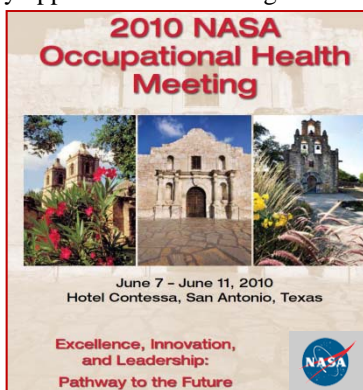
OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH

Monthly Newsletter April 2010

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◆ 2010 Occupational Health (OH) Meeting

Registration is Now Open: [Registration](#) is now open! The [Agenda](#) is now available on the [OH Meeting website](#). This meeting is held under the guidance of an official NASA Training meeting. As in the past there is no registration fee; however, you are responsible for travel and accommodation expenses. This year we will have a No-Host Networking Get-together at the River Level of the [Hotel Contessa](#) allowing individuals to connect with colleagues—old and new. As with the 2009 meeting all breakfasts, lunches, and dinners will be on your own. The location affords many nearby opportunities for dining. The annual OH Meeting is the only meeting dedicated solely to the NASA OH program. The meeting has averaged over 100 attendees during the last five years and continues to be a wonderful opportunity to network with your NASA Center Colleagues in a variety of sessions designed to stimulate discussion on a wide variety of current OH issues.



◆ Health Promotion and Wellness Programmatic Goals and Objectives:

The proposed goals and objectives are contained in the [minutes](#) of the March 11th ViTS, bottom of pg 4 through pg 6. If you have not responded already take the time to review and email Mae Hafizi by April 15, 2010. These goals and objectives are only a starting point, they can be scrubbed, revised, amended until we reach consensus.

◆ **Health Promotion Working Group ViTS:** The June 10th [Health Promotion and Wellness](#) (HPW) ViTS has been replaced with three live webinar presentations from the annual OH Meeting in San Antonio. Mark your calendars for June 9, starting at 9:00 AM CT. Access instructions will be distributed closer to the date. The presentations are from 9:00-10:00 AM CDT, 10:30-12:00 noon CT, and 2:30-3:30 PM CDT followed by a Panel Discussion.

◆ **EHRIS Project Update:** The Agency EHRS Task Force meeting in March focused on the final configuration of the medical modules in Medgate. There were a number of clinical issues discussed last month and each Center was asked to review and update their medical surveillance protocols and clinical labs. The updated information is due to the Agency OH Office by April 2nd. The information will be reviewed and base table configurations in Medgate will be updated. Another webinar meeting is scheduled for April 8, 11:30 - 12:30 PM EDT. There are additional clinical configuration issues we will be discussing in the April webinar and we will revisit the use of standardized coding. A clinical representative from each Center is needed to provide us input on the clinical configuration of the EHRS.

◆ Congratulations to Dryden's Kathleen Walter:

Recently Dryden's Chief Nurse Kathleen Walter was awarded a [Space Flight Awareness Honoree](#) award recognizing her support of the shuttle program during orbiter landings at Dryden. The award provided her the opportunity to visit KSC for the [STS-130](#) launch in February. Congratulations to Kathleen for her award!



◆ New NASA Auditory Demonstration Laboratory Website Now Live:

The hearing conservation content of the Auditory Testing Lab (ATL) website has moved to a [new site](#). Please bookmark this URL, which is the website of the NASA EARLAB Auditory Demonstration Laboratory, an umbrella organization that encompasses a variety of activities, services, and products supporting the practice of hearing conservation at NASA field centers. All EARLAB products are now available as free downloads from the new EARLAB website. EARLAB is also proud to announce the release of [TWA Calculator](#) a computational and visual tool for teaching noise exposure dose concepts in an occupational hearing conservation context.



◆ EH ViTS to Focus on the OSHA VPP Program:

The [OSHA Voluntary Protection Program](#) (VPP) continues to be a driving force for change in Occupational Health and Safety at NASA Centers. Organizations at multiple Centers across the Agency continue to pursue VPP certification. At the April EH ViTS we will discuss how VPP has been implemented at a number of NASA Centers and how there are various models across the Agency for implementing VPP.



◆ **Upcoming Outdoor Laser ViTS:** On April 12, from 3:00 - 4:00 PM EDT the Agency OH office is hosting a special NASA/FAA ViTS with NASA LSOs, OCHMO, and the FAA. If you have any questions please contact [Kurt Geber](#).



◆ **Occupational Medicine (OM) ViTS:** With the proposed changes to NASA's mission and the Baseline Services Level (BSL) review many questions are surfacing regarding the future role of OM in NASA. This month's OM ViTS will cover the issue of Agency Transition. Please reserve time on your schedules for this opportunity to receive information directly from the CHMO, Dr Rich Williams.

◆ NASA OH Center Review Calendar:

- May 11 - 13 - Headquarters

◆ Upcoming OH ViTS & Webinars:

- EHRS Task Force Webinar – April 8, 11:30-12:30 EDT
- EAP ViTS on Psychopharmacology – April 8, 2:30 PM EDT
- Outdoor Laser ViTS – April 12, 3:00-4:00 EDT
- Occupational Medicine ViTS – April 14, 11:00-12:00 EDT
- Environmental Health ViTS – April 15, 12:00-1:00 EDT

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